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WEAPONS; U.S. CREDIBILITY; MAYAGUEZ

SUMMARY: UKAZ'S ABDUL LATIF MYMYNI IN JUNE 28 COMMENTARY
ANALYZES THE BASES FOR U.S. FOREIGN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT
AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE USE
OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN DEFENSE OF KOREA. END SUMMARY.

1. STATING THAT THE CRITERIA FOR THE U.S.'S INVOLVEMENT
IN VIETNAM ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED VALID HE CONTINUES,
"AMERICA HAS SET THE FOLLOWING

CRITERIA, HEAVILY BASED
ON HER PRESENT ECONOMIC CONDITION, FOR THE USE OF HER
MILITARY TO SUPPORT OTHER COUNTRIES: (A) U.S. ECONOMIC
INTERESTS; (B) THE COUNTRY'S INFLUENCE ON THE U.S.
DOMESTICALLY, ESPECIALLY ON CONGRESS (A CASE IN POINT
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BEING ISRAEL); (C) STRATEGIC SUPPORT FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY

ISOLATED DEMOCRACIES SUCH AS JAPAN, SOME STATES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE SPECIAL CASE OF ISRAEL, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN."

2. "WHAT DOES SCHLESINGER MEAN BY HIS THREAT WHEN ONE CAN PERCEIVE THAT SOUTHEAST ASIA IS A MERE TWIG ON THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TREE? THE U.S.'S USE OF FORCE TO RESCUE THE MAYAGUEZ GIVES US THE ANSWER. WHATEVER THE SACRIFICE MIGHT BE, THE U.S. IS NO LONGER WILLING TO BE INSULTED BY ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY."
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